

August



Wisconsin State Fair: August 6-16, 2009

Each year over 850,000 people come to the State Fair to enjoy the best 11 days of summer. There are lots of things to explore, especially at the Department of Natural Resources Park.

Discover forests at DNR's nature park:

- Find out how to identify trees that grow in Wisconsin.
- Learn about the variety of products that come from trees and how we use them every day.
- Attend a class at Smokey's Schoolhouse and learn about wildfire prevention.
- Meet a forester and ask them about their job!



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Tom Negaard • Honorable Mention
McKinley Center, Stevens Point
Teacher: Susan Zook

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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2 National Friendship Day – Take your best friend on a picnic under your favorite tree!	3 Fun Forestry Fact: Did you know that forests provide homes for bears, fox, snakes, barred owls and Luna moths?	4	5 Day lilies bloom.	6 Full (Sturgeon) Moon Wisconsin's State Fair begins today! (Aug 6-Aug 16)	7 Young loons learn to fly. A loon has to run across the water for up to ¼ mile while flapping its wings in order to get enough lift to take off!	8
9 Smokey Bear is 65 years old. Smokey knows unattended campfires spell disaster.	10 Yellow jackets or white faced hornets make paper-like nests.	11	12 The movie <i>Wizard of Oz</i> premieres in Oconomowoc (1939). Film strip material contains the tree product cellulose. Perseids Meteor Shower	13 It's true! A hummingbird feeds every 10 minutes, visiting as many as 1,000 flowers daily.	14 Time to get ready for school! Which school supplies come from trees or forest products?	15
16	17 Wild rice ripens.	18	19 Watch for migrating nighthawks.	20	21	22
23	24 Turtle eggs are beginning to hatch.	25	26 Spider webs glisten like diamonds in the early morning sunshine. There are over 1,100 species of spider in Wisconsin!	27	28	29 Monarch butterflies begin their long migration to Mexico.
30	31	Raccoons often make their dens in hollow trees that they share with others. In one tree you may find up to 24 raccoons!				



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My Favorite Forest Animal

By Jared Straka

I think the raccoon is a really cool animal. It is cool because of the way it uses its hands, and the way its face and tail look, but also because of how smart it is.

The raccoon's hands are very special because of the way they can be used. Raccoons can use their hands to grasp objects such as food so they can wash it in the river. They can also use their hands to climb a tree.

The raccoon's face looks like a burglar's mask and makes it look like a criminal. Its tail also looks different because it has 5 to 7 black rings.

Since the raccoon is so smart it is able to avoid enemies. It is able to sneak up on its prey. Raccoons are also smart enough to know how to raid barns or cornfields.

If you still don't think raccoons are great, come down to my house and I'll show you a raccoon. We could watch him wash his food, we'd look for the burglar's mask and the 5 to 7 black rings on his tail. You'd see how smart he is. Then I know you would love raccoons.

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